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In re Application of:

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For: **ASSAY FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA BASED ON A NEW PEPTIDE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before calculating the filing fee for the above identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim ³✓, line 1, delete "or 2"

Claim ⁴✓, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1-3" and insert in lieu thereof --claim 1--

Claim ⁵✓, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1-4" and insert in lieu thereof --claim 1--

Claim ⁶✓, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1-4" and insert in lieu thereof --claim 1--

Claim ¹³✓, line 1, delete "any of Claims 8-12" and insert in lieu thereof --claim 8--

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a, 8. (amended) An assay for the diagnosis of schizophrenia in an individual, comprising the following steps:
- obtaining a sample from said individual being a blood sample, a platelet-containing fraction thereof, or a fraction containing platelet-associated antibodies (PAA) shed from the platelets;